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EXERCISE*

June 10, 1995

Message To The Graduates

On this your graduation day, on behalf of the trustees, the faculty, staff and the entire Southern New England "community", let me express how very proud we are of you and all that you have accomplished during your years with us. You were a class that showed the grace and gallantry of the human spirit during your years at the School. In the sometimes difficult days of transition-as we moved to our beautiful new building in North Dartmouth-you displayed uncommon grace, spirit and a sense of purpose which could not be deflected by the vagaries of the transition process. For that-and all of your other contributions to the School-we are deeply grateful. You have been a magnificent class.

You leave the School and enter the legal profession at a time when the cry of the critic is heard in the land; a time when the public image of the profession is under attack on many sides. But knowing your character, commitment and dedication we are confident that your lives and careers will uphold the highest traditions of our profession-and rebut the shrill cries of the critics.

Always remember that the law and the legal profession have held a unique centrality in the life of this country and its people. I am convinced that the United States would not have survived as a nation-a continental country, divided by region and race, ethnic origin and economic interests-if it were not for the unifying and uplifting influence of the law. In these days when people all too frequently turn to violence instead of the rule of law, it is especially important to remember this.

In sum, despite the critics and cynicism, I am confident that you will find that lawyers remain today what they have been since de Tocqueville first noted the distinctive prominence of their role in the American democracy: vital and essential to the survival of our society's freedom and constitutional order.

Above all, on this day of your graduation, we bid you welcome to a wonderful profession. What the great Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said earlier in this century is just as true today: "It is possible to live greatly in the Law..."

Francis J. Larkin
Dean

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Processional

Pomp & Circumstance No. 1
Sir Edward Elgar

Invocation

The Reverend Robert C. Newbold
Class of 1989
Southern New England School of Law

National Anthem

The New England Brass Guild

Welcoming Address

William A. Dimitri, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Message from the Dean

Hon. Francis J. Larkin
Dean

Musical Interlude

Student Address

Simone Helen Desrosiers '95

Conferral of Honorary Degrees and Reading of the Citations

Hon. Joseph P. Nadeau
Hon. Florence K. Murray
Dean Francis J. Larkin

Commencement Address

Hon. Joseph P. Nadeau
Chief Justice of the Superior Court
of New Hampshire

Musical Interlude

Student Awards

Dean Francis J. Larkin

Conferral of Earned Degrees

William A. Dimitri, Jr.

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Dean Francis J. Larkin

Benediction

Rabbi Yitzchak Dees

Temple Beth Shalom

Milford, Massachusetts

Recessional

A reception for the Graduates, Family
and Friends will be held immediately following
the Commencement Exercise at the
Southern New England School of Law
333 Faunce Corner Road
North Dartmouth, Massachusetts

Degree Candidates

Conferral Date-October 24, 1995

Matthew Francis Burke, Jr.
Anna Maria Sorgi
Jane Elizabeth Tyrell
L.A. Weld-Harrington

Conferral Date-January 2, 1995

Karen Augeri Benson *cum laude*
Cynthia L. Bonsu
David Alan Chaves
Douglas J. Darnbrough
Patricia A. Doyle
Joseph M. Duchaine
Robert J. Eagan *cum laude*
Kenneth Fiola, Jr.
Joan Argyle Hurkett
Judith Kaskel *cum laude*
Charles J. Koltz, Jr.
Todd Michael McGrath
Robert Edward McIntyre, MD
Kennera Marshall McSherry
Cheryl Anne McStay
Jeffrey Paul Medeiros *magna cum laude*
Paul Mitchell Operach
Jeffrey Robert Perry *cum laude*
Penelope Psomos
Lisa M. Salines
Richard Frank Scarano
Robert Joseph Smith
Thomas C. Sweeney, Jr.
H. Judson Terzian
Sabine Marie Verdier

Conferral Date-June 3, 1995

Michael Anthony Abner
Charles J. Ardito III
Harrison Taylor Barrow *cum laude*
Jennifer Sylvia Barth
David Jonathan Berger
Richard Phillip Blaustein
Robert Arthur Brown
Arthur J. Cabral
Lisa M. Cabral-Mackenzie
John N. Calvino II
James J. Cardi
Dean John Cariglia
Joseph O. Cogguillo III
Brian Corey
Derek James Coyne
Frederick Alfred DeCubellis
Simone Helen Desrosiers
Karen Ann Esposito
Robert Lindley Gammell
Scott Brett Geiger
Robert C. Hogan, Jr.
David Joseph Johnson
Amy Zoë Kaminsky
Bradford Eliot Keene
Paul E. Kelleher
Christopher Edward Kennedy
Linda Marie Layne *cum laude*
Marc D. Lefebvre
David Philipp Henry Leitner *cum laude*

James J. Lombardi III
Pamela Yvette Luster
Jennifer Mary Markey *cum laude*
Patrick Thomas Matthews *cum laude*
Patricia J. Mello *cum laude*
Janet P. Miranda
Jaymes P. Nadeau III
Dennis Noreiko
Blessing N. Nwabeke
Scott E. Pegurri
Siobhán Margaret-Jean Petrella
Gerald Pouliot
Milton Alexander Raymond
Anne Rita Rioux-Tessier
George Robinson
Noah N. Rosmarin
Keith Patrick Ryan *cum laude*
William J. Ryder *cum laude*
Robert Scott Salter
Rodney C. Schonland
Debbie L. Segal
Stephen Michael Shea *cum laude*
Eric Thurston Shediak
S. Deborah Shnek
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Walter F. Timilty III
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George Paul van Duinwyk
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Honorary Degree Recipients

Hon. Joseph P. Nadeau

Hon. Joseph P. Nadeau is Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Superior Court. A native of Rochester, New Hampshire, he is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Dartmouth College and the Boston University School of Law.

Before his appointment as Chief Justice, Judge Nadeau served as an Associate Justice of the Superior Court and prior to that, as Justice of the Durham, New Hampshire District Court.

A nationally recognized leader of the judiciary, Chief Justice Nadeau has served as President of the American Academy of Judicial Education and on its Board of Governors. He has also served as a Delegate to the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Trial Judges of the American Bar Association.

Firmly committed to the principles of equal justice under law, he is the recipient of the L. Jonathan Ross award for Outstanding Commitment to Legal Services for the Poor and has served as New Hampshire Chairman of the Committee on Defense of Indigent Persons.

Widely active in the cultural and civic life of the community, Chief Justice Nadeau is married to the former Catherine Lawlor. They are the parents of three daughters, Tina, Diana, and Briana.

Hon. Florence Kerins Murray

Hon. Florence Kerins Murray has served as an Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court since 1979. Prior to this appointment, she served as an Associate Justice and, then, Presiding Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court. A graduate of Syracuse University and the Boston University School of Law, she is one of the nation's most distinguished jurists.

Immediately following her graduation from Law School, she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in June of 1942, where she served on active duty for over four years, leaving with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and the Army's Legion of Merit.

Following her military service, she became active in the political life of Rhode Island. Initially elected to the Rhode Island Senate, she was reelected for four terms and served as a Delegate to two Constitutional Conventions.

She has been one of the country's most effective advocates for judicial education, serving as a member and later Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

Active in the civic and cultural life of Rhode Island and the nation, Justice Murray has been the recipient of several Honorary Degrees and civic awards and is a member of the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame. In 1990, the Newport County Courthouse was renamed the Florence K. Murray Judicial Complex.

Justice Murray was married to Paul M. Murray, a distinguished Rhode Island Attorney (and former United States Attorney for Rhode Island) who recently passed away. She is the mother of Paul M. Murray.